



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

30 August 1977

Mrs. Stansfield Turner
Quarters "G"
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20374

Dear Pat:

It is my great pleasure to invite you, on behalf of the Navy, to act as sponsor for the guided missile destroyer JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981), which will be christened at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on Saturday, 22 October 1977. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

JOHN HANCOCK will be one of the principal ships in our Nation's surface Navy of the future, and I can think of no one who would be a more appropriate and gracious sponsor than you.

With a view toward making this a family affair for the Turners, I am writing to your husband to invite him to be the principal speaker at the ceremony.

Should you be able to accept my invitation to act as sponsor, the Supervisor of Shipbuilding at Pascagoula, Captain William McGarrah, will provide you additional details regarding the event. In the meantime, I have enclosed a brochure that explains some of the traditions associated with sponsoring ships of the U. S. Navy.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

W. Graham Claytor, Jr.

Enclosure